

1 **Rule 15-501. Purpose, authority, scope and structure of licensed paralegal practitioner**
2 **disciplinary and disability proceedings.**

3 (a) The purpose of licensed paralegal practitioner disciplinary and disability proceedings is to
4 ensure and maintain the high standard of professional conduct required of those who undertake
5 the discharge of professional responsibilities as licensed paralegal practitioners and to protect the
6 public and the administration of justice from those who have demonstrated by their conduct that
7 they are unable or unlikely to properly discharge their professional responsibilities.

8 (b) Under Article VIII, Section 4 of the Constitution of Utah, the Utah Supreme Court has
9 exclusive authority within Utah to adopt and enforce rules governing the practice of law.

10 (c) All disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with this article and Article
11 6, Standards for Imposing Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Sanctions. Formal disciplinary and
12 disability proceedings are civil in nature. These rules shall be construed so as to achieve
13 substantial justice and fairness in disciplinary matters with dispatch and at the least expense to all
14 concerned parties.

15 (d) The interests of the public, the courts, and the legal profession all require that disciplinary
16 proceedings at all levels be undertaken and construed to secure the just and speedy resolution of
17 every complaint.